

Friends of the Galway Public Library Minutes
August 16, 2016
Galway Town Hall

Present: Bill Bateman, Barbara Bolton, Amanda Ferraro, Sharyn Kalinkewicz,
Kristen Anuszewski

Absent: Ardeth Deay, Linda Jackowski, Laura Sakala

The meeting was called to order by Amanda at 7 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by Sharyn and seconded by Kristen to accept the July minutes as corrected. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Total profit from August 13th book sale \$386.00. There may be \$4.00 more coming in per Jon.
- Received membership form from Jenine Flinton. Envelope was open. Box had been checked that \$20.00 was enclosed, but no check was in the envelope. Sharyn brought this to the attention of post master. She will be contacting Jeannine Flinton to follow up.

LIBRARY LIASION

- Bill presented notes from library trustee meeting on July 21st.
- Re: sidewalk work: Board accepted the proposal from JRS Cement Work at a cost not to exceed \$3,800.00 on condition they return signed contract and do work in early September
- Board approved library director's request to attend the NYLA conference in November. The library assistant will also be attending.

- Another meeting was held with members of the community discussing services the new library should offer. Also, three new plans for library design were presented. There is a concerted effort to make every square foot of space count. There was also talk about renaming the kitchen.

- RE: building and grounds, They are ready to do painting of outdoor trim. Deb Flint has obtained volunteers. Painting will be done Sat. & Sunday, Sept. 10th and 11th. Bill encourages all to join.
- Arlene located a volunteer who bush wacked the new library property gratis.
- A new chair of the building and grounds committee has been located.
- There was talk about a volunteer reception in September. Need to find out what the Friends of the Galway Public Library role will be. Provide refreshments?

- The Storytelling Event held in August at the library was a success. This may become an annual event. Mary Cuff Perez was the volunteer organizer.
- On October 22nd there will be a Story quilt presentation at the library.
- Effective July 20th, the Board of Trustees Treasurer has resigned.

VISITOR

- Elizabeth Vandenburg presented what an annual review of treasurer's records consists of. She suggested this review be completed off-season, January or February and provided board members with a checklist of documentation to review. She encouraged adoption of policies that are flexible enough so they won't need to be regularly amended.
- Elizabeth will be attending next Friends of Galway Public Library meeting September 20.

OLD BUSINESS

- August 13 Book Sale - Deb Flint contacted the Girl Scouts for assistance. Ten people showed up to help in the morning. Set up was completed by 8:15 AM. The sale was very successful.
- Bill still has hundreds of books on tape in his garage. He is exploring options for what can be done with them.
- Following the sale, Bill packaged books and arranged for delivery to vendor - Thrift Books Global. He is looking for their feedback to learn how we can improve the process.
- Barb has picked up the children's books left over from the book sale and will be delivering them to Saratoga County Fairgrounds for distribution.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Amanda contacted Mark Lawson re: antique appraisals. They do two kinds of events, either a small event with 35 or fewer people where everyone brings a piece or a large event similar to Antiques Roadshow. If the piece sells, Friends of Galway Public Library receives a percentage of the sale.
- Kristen also reached out to kids of the incoming sophomore high school class about a color run. The kids are interested. She will be contacting the class advisor next for his input.
- There was a discussion whether future book sales should be discontinued. It is a lot of work, especially arranging for book disposal following the sale. Due to a lack of consistent help, discontinuation of book sales is a distinct possibility. The Board of Trustees needs to be given an opportunity to come up with feasible ideas on how to generate reliable adequate event staffing before book sales are discontinued.

Adjourned -

Next meeting: September 20, 2016, 7 PM at the Galway Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted. Barbara Bolton